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MAYOR GANIM, CITY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE A \$200 BOUNTY ON ILLEGAL DUMPING THAT RESULTS IN AN ARREST

BRIDGEPORT, CT – Mayor Ganim announces a \$200 Reward for residents who support the city's

Illegal Dumping campaign designed to prevent bulk trash and garbage being dumped in neighborhoods and to promote better quality of life throughout Bridgeport.

Mayor Ganim stated, "The unlawful disposal of garbage needs to stop, and law enforcement will take action against those who perpetuate dumping in our City. To that end, we need the help of residents who witness illegal dumping—take pictures and report it."

Individuals caught will be arrested, fined for their infraction and the vehicles used will be seized by the Bridgeport Police. State



regulations permit law enforcement agencies to seize assets and property used to commit crimes, including illegal dumping. Those caught unlawfully disposing of garbage and other material are subject to a minimum \$200 fine and can be charged with a misdemeanor.

The City of Bridgeport through its Anti-Blight Initiative offers a \$200 reward for anyone who contributes evidence that leads to an arrest for illegal dumping. Report it by taking a picture of the vehicle, and people in the act of illegal dumping. Email evidence to pickinitup@bridgeportct.gov or to immediately call 203-330-4203.